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DANVILLE WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY FOR BENEFIT FRAUD

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced that Mary D. Doyon, age 41, of Danville, NH pled guilty in U.S. District Court in Concord before Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. to an indictment charging her with defrauding the Social Security Disability Insurance ("SSDI") Program.

The indictment, returned by a federal grand jury sitting in Concord, charged Doyon with theft of government funds, alleging that from on or about March, 1998 to January, 2003 she received \$45,000 in SSDI disability benefits from the Social Security Administration, to which she was not entitled.

The SSDI program, which is administered by the Social Security Administration ("SSA"), is a federally funded program which provides benefits to individuals who are unable to work because they have a physical and psychological disability.

The indictment charges that from on or about March, 1998 to January, 2003, Doyon failed to inform SSA that she was employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the same time she was collecting disability benefits.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 10th at 9:30 am. Doyon faces a maximum ten year prison sentence and a maximum fine of \$250,000 of this year.

The case was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Irish.